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SUMMARY. DURING HIS NOV. 12 WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE, PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN RELEASED FOR THE FIRST TIME PUBLICLY THE DETAILS OF QUEEN MARGRETH'S VISIT TO THE US IN MAY. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF A POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. END SUMMARY, END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1. COPENHAGEN'S BERLINGSKE TIDENDE OF NOV. 13 CARRIED A STORY BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, BENT ALBRECHTSEN, HEADLINED "QUEEN'S VISIT TO US DURING BICENTENNIAL". THE STORY IS REPORTED BASED ON A STATEMENT RELEASED BY PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON NOV. 12. THE STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME MADE PUBLIC A DETAILED SCHEDULE OF THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO THE US, MAY 10-24. THE TEXT OF THE STORY FOLLOWS:

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2. "WASHINGTON -- DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON YESTERDAY

PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN SAID THAT THE QUEEN AND PRINCE HENRIK WILL VISIT THE U.S. MAY 10 - 24 NEXT YEAR.

"DURING THE VISIT, THE QUEEN WILL RECEIVE AN HONORARY DOCTORATE AT THE ALMOST 100 YEAR-OLD DANA COLLEGE IN NEBRASKA. SHE WILL ALSO BECOME AN HONORARY MEMBER OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CULTURE IN RECOGNITION OF DAISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO GREENLAND.

"THE QUEEN AND PRINCE HENRIK WILL WASHINGTON, CHICAGO, NEW YORK, BOSTON, OMAHA, SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND WILL ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE GUEST PERFORMANCE OF THE ROYAL BALLET AT THE KENNEDY CENTER IN WASHINGTON AND AT NEW YORK'S LINCOLN CENTER WHERE THE METROPOLITAN OPERA IS LOCATED.

"THE BALLET'S TOUR OF THE U.S. IS THE BIGGEST OF SEVERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH WHICH DENMARK - INVITED BY THE U.S. - WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL IN JULY 1976. THE DAISH CONTRIBUTION DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR IS ESTIMATED AT 4-5 MILLION DANISH KRONER (\$7-800,000).

"THE DANISH BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, HEADED BY KARL SKYTTE, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOLKETING, AND WITH A.W. NIELSEN, DIRECTOR, AND H.H. KOCH, CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, AS CO-CHAIRMAN HAS SECURED THE NECESSARY MEANS - BY COLLECTIONS AND GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS - FOR SEVERAL DANISH EVENTS IN THE U.S. DURING 1976. THEY INCLUDE THREE REBILD-LIKE FESTIVALS IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND THE DANISH COLONY OF SOLVANG IN CALIFORNIA. PART OF THE AMOUNT WILL BE USED FOR INSTITUTING A FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF THE TWO DANISH-LANGUAGE PAPERS IN THE U.S., DEN PANSKE PIONER ("THE DANISH PIONEER") AND BIEN ("THE BEE") IN CALIFORNIA. SUPPORT WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAISH IMMIGRANT FARM AT AN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM IN WISCONSIN WHERE MANY DANISH IMMIGRANTS SETTLED.

"THE QUEEN IS EXPECTED TO VISIT THIS MUSEUM DURING HER VISIT TO THE NORTHERN MIDWEST. SHE WILL ALSO RE-CONSECRATE THE OLDEST DANISH CHURCH, ST. PETER'S DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, AT SHEFFIELD, ILLINOIS, BUILT BY A DANISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONGREGATION IN 1867.

"DANISH CULTURAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBIT OF THE PAINTINGS OF THE DANISH-BORN PORTRAIT PAINTER CHRISTIAN GULDAGER, WITH A CONTEMPORARY PORTRAIT OF GEORGE WASHINGTON. THE DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE WILL PUBLISH A BOOK ON HOW THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE REACHED DENMARK (AND WAS PRINTED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF BERLINGSKE TIDENDE) AND AN ENGLISH TRANS-

LATION OF A BOOK ON AMERICA IN GERMAN FROM 1820, WRITTEN
BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SCHMIDT PHISELDECK.

"IN ADDITION TO THE GULDAGER EXHIBIT IN WASHINGTON THERE
WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBIT HERE OF FURNITURE BY THE DANISH
ARNE JACOBSEN. IN BOSTON THERE WILL BE A FURNITURE EXHIBIT
SHOWING THE INFLUENCE OF THE SHAKER CULTURE ON DAISH FURNI-
TURE DESIGN, AND AN EXHIBIT OF PICTURE TAPESTRY BY 20 DANISH
ARTISTS. A GROUP OF DANISH FOLK DANCERS WILL PERFORM IN
SEVERAL CITIES, AND COPENHAGEN'S BOY'S CHOIR WILL GIVE A
CONCERT IN PHILADELPHIA ON THE DAISH CONSTITUTION DAY. IN THE
OLD GOVERNMENT BUILDING OF THE FORMER DAISH VIRGIN ISLANDS,
OLD FURNITURE FROM THE DANISH PERIOD WILL BE EXHIBITED, AND
FINALLY, SEVERAL UNIVERSITY CENTERS IN THE U.S. WILL RECEIVE
BOOK GIFTS FROM DENMARK.

"THE DANISH SCHOOL SHIP, DENMARK, WILL PARTICIPATE IN A
RACE OF ATALL SAILING VESSESL FROM BERMUDA. THE RACE WILL END
WITH A CERMONIAL SAILING INTO NEW YORK'S HARBOR ON THE
FOURTH OF JULY.

"DURING THEIR VISIT TO NEW YORK ON MAY 15-19 THE ROYAL
COUPLE WILL VISIT A.P. MOLLER'S NEW CONTAINER TERMINAL IN
NEW JERSEY, RAND CORPORATION AND THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM".
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